GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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REVIVAL OF IDPL AND HAL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding the revamping,modernization and revival of prominent Pharmaceutical companies,Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd.(IDPL) and Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.(HAL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the current state of production in the said companies:

(d) whether this has adversely affected the chances of making available medicines at cheaper rates; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b) In March 2006, Government approved rehabilitation scheme for revival of HAL. The company is on revival path.

The rehabilitation plan for revival of IDPL was placed before the Cabinet. The Cabinet has referred the revival of IDPL to Group of Ministers(GoM) for consideration at the first instance. GoM has since been constituted.

(c) During the first 6 months(April-September) of current year (2007-08) the production of HAL has increased to Rs. 50.38 crores as compared to Rs. 23.85 crores during the corresponding period last year.

During the period upto October 2007 (2007-08),the production of IDPL has increased to Rs. 24 crores as compared to Rs. 18 crores during 2006-07.

(d) No Sir

(e) Does not arise.